



Culpeper Minutes

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A Message from the Board of Supervisors



Dear Citizens:

Greetings. By the time you receive this issue of the Culpeper Minutes, spring should be upon us, and the Board of Supervisors will be well into the budget process for Fiscal Year 2009. The new Eastern View High School and the new Yowell Elementary School are both scheduled to open this fall. There will be many needs and challenges in funding the opening of these new schools. As always, the budget will be a balancing act as we attempt to meet these needs while trying not to overburden you, the taxpayers of Culpeper County. Population growth in the County since 2000 has been very rapid. However, the slow housing market is causing revenue to fall short of projections; collections are down in many revenue sources; and that will make FY '09 a particularly challenging year.

Last year at this time, the Culpeper Minutes letter from the Board discussed a new data center campus for Terremark Worldwide, Inc. This project will involve an investment of approximately \$270 million and is expected to generate as many as 250 new jobs. This is exactly the type of economic development envisioned for the Technology Zones, created by the Board through our Comprehensive Plan and subsequent overlay zones. The project is now fully under construction. Hopefully, this type of development along with recent retail development will begin to offset the declining revenue from the housing market.

The Board continues to discuss regional water and sewer needs with the Town of Culpeper, and the consolidation issue is now facing us as well. We pledge to continue to work hard in representing you. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Board of Supervisors or County staff with questions or concerns.

For the Board,

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Meetings of the Board of Supervisors are held the first Tuesday of each month: at 10 a.m. for general County business and at 7 p.m. for a public forum, planning business and public hearings. Agendas are available prior to the meetings at the Library and on the County website at www.culpepercounty.gov and minutes are available following the meetings. Video coverage is provided by Channel 21.

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Congressman Eric Cantor

Thank you for the continued privilege of serving as your congressman. It is a great honor for me to represent you and your families in Washington.

I am honored to assist you with accessing information regarding federal student loans, the IRS, Social Security, Medicare, or a veterans issue. My staff and I can also assist with U.S. passports, visas, immigration services and many other federal issues.

My office can help arrange tours of Washington, D.C. attractions including the White House, U.S. Capitol, and Bureau of Engraving and Printing. For additional information or to submit a tour request, please call my Culpeper office at 540-825-8960 or my Richmond office at 1-800-438-3793. To request a tour you can also e-mail the request to CantorTours@mail.house.gov.

Culpeper County Resident Lester Petermann Awarded Congressional Veteran Commendation

Lester Petermann, a Culpeper resident who served as chief pharmacist's mate in the United States Navy, was nominated by Christopher Snider for the 2007 Congressional Veteran Commendation and received the award at a ceremony held in November at the Virginia War Memorial. During the Normandy invasion on June 8, 1944, Mr. Petermann was on a ship that was struck by a German mine. He suffered a severe head wound in the explosion, but in a display of courage and heroism continued to evacuate the wounded, so they could receive medical attention.

The Congressional Veteran Commendation is an annual award created to honor the distinguished veterans of Virginia's Seventh Congressional District. Since 2002, over 30 Congressional Veteran Commendations have been awarded to military veterans from the Seventh District for their honorable service. If you would like to nominate a veteran for the Congressional Veteran Commendation, please contact my office to request a nomination form.



What's Happening in Washington

2008 is shaping up to be an exciting year. In the midst of the current presidential election cycle, Congress has returned to session to again take up the pressing issues of the nation. My goal is to continue to address the things in Washington that are not working, and to ensure the Federal government can meet the challenges of today. The Federal government must begin working for the people again.

Economy

Throughout this decade many families have taken advantage of low interest rates and the ability to buy more for less. Many have made large investments in their homes and are now facing higher mortgage payments. In some cases there is a strong possibility they may lose their homes.

Families across Virginia and America are facing rising prices at the gas pump, as well as increased college tuition and health care costs. In addition, health care costs continue to rise. We need new solutions to these growing problems. Despite our struggles, I have faith in our economy and believe we will make it through. To ease the struggles of middle-class and working Americans – those affected most acutely by the strains in the economy – I recently introduced the Middle Class Jobs Protection Act. The legislation aims to stimulate the economy by providing the tools and incentives necessary for a more certain economic future for American families.

Government Spending

In Washington, we must expose and then stop wasteful earmarks and pork-barrel spending. We need a new approach to the way federal budgets are crafted and the way taxpayer dollars are spent. I am committed to continuing to fight out-of-control federal spending in Washington, and to ensure transparency, efficiency and productivity are restored.

Education

As parents, we want to ensure that our children receive the best possible education. We all want to make sure that today's students are well-equipped to be tomorrow's leaders. We must insist our children receive the training they need to compete in today's global economy, where India and China are real competitors. Washington bureaucrats are not best qualified to make decisions about our children's education. As parents, we know best the individual needs of our children. In Washington, I will continue fighting to keep education decisions out of the federal realm and left to parents and teachers.

To request assistance and for more information, please call my office at (540) 825-8960 or (800) 438-3793. You can also visit my website at: <http://cantor.house.gov>



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This newsletter is a quarterly publication to the citizens of Culpeper County by the Board of Supervisors. It is designed to present and provide information about issues affecting those who live in Culpeper. Over 20,000 copies are distributed, one to each mail address in Town, County, and to each U.S.P.S. Box within the Town and County of Culpeper.

The newsletter is also available online at www.culpepercounty.gov

Comments and suggestions may be emailed to: dhoffman@culpepercounty.gov

Culpeper County Government Listings in the 2007 Telephone Directories

Culpeper County Administration is aware that the telephone numbers for the County Offices are not correct and are incomplete in the Blue Pages section titled "Government Pages – Government Offices – County" of the 2007 telephone directories. We are taking actions to correct this. To help you reach the proper County office(s), the County mailed a **Current Telephone Numbers for Culpeper County Offices** insert to every Culpeper residence during the week of September 10, 2007. Following is a list of the Current Telephone Numbers for Culpeper County Government Offices:

CULPEPER COUNTY OF-
ADMINISTRATION

302 N. Main Street 727-3427

AIRPORT

12517 Beverly Ford Road..... 825-8280
Flight Instruction 727-8433
Flight Maintenance..... 727-8400

ANIMAL SERVICES

10144 James Monroe Hwy..... 547-4477
Emergency After Hours..... 727-7900

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

302 North Main Street..... 727-3427

BUILDING INSPECTIONS & PERMITS

302 North Main Street..... 727-3405

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

135 W. Cameron Street..... 727-3443
Land Use..... 727-3411
Property Assessments..... 727-3411
State Income Taxes..... 727-3443
Tax Relief 727-3411

COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY

118 W. Davis Street..... 727-3441
Culpeper Victims/Witness Program..... 727-3413

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Building Inspections & Permits..... 727-3405
Economic Development..... 727-3410
Emergency Services (non-emergency number) .. 727-7161
Environmental Services..... 727-3409
Parks and Recreation..... 727-3412
Planning and Zoning..... 727-3404

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

302 N. Main Street..... 727-3427
Computer Technology..... 727-3416
County Administrator..... 727-3427
County Attorney..... 727-3407
Finance..... 727-3427
Human Resources..... 727-3422
Youth Network (Culpeper) 727-3414
Local Adult Probation 727-3450

COURTS

Circuit Court Clerk's Office..... 727-3438
Circuit Court Judge..... 727-3440
Criminal Justice Services 727-3450
General District Court Clerk..... 727-3417
Juvenile & Domestic Court Clerk..... 727-3418

CULPEPER VICTIMS/WITNESS PROGRAM

118 W. Davis Street 727-3413

CULPEPER YOUTH NETWORK

101 S. West Street 727-3414

DAY CARE—KIDS CENTRAL

1401 Old Fredericksburg Road 829-2124

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

233 E. Davis Street..... 727-3410

EMERGENCY SERVICES

FIRE and RESCUE EMERGENCY..... 911
Non-Emergency..... 727-7900

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

118 W. Davis Street..... 727-3409

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

..... 829-7350

HUMAN SERVICES

219 E. Davis Street..... 727-0372
Career Resource Center..... 727-1055
Day Care..... 829-2124
Families First..... 829-2065
Family Support..... 727-0388

Foster Care/Independent living..... 727-0372
Public Assistance..... 727-0372

JUVENILE PROBATION SERVICES

Juvenile Probation/16th CSU
101 S. West Street, 2nd Floor 727-3437
OPTIONS Program
Orange Road, Culpeper 829-2129

LANDFILL

Recycling..... 727-3409

LIBRARY

271 South Gate Shopping Center..... 825-8691

OPTIONS PROGRAM

..... 829-2129

PARKS & RECREATION-

155 W. Davis Street..... 727-3412

PLANNING & ZONING

302 N. Main Street..... 727-3404

PROCUREMENT/COMMUNICATIONS

101 S. West Street 727-3488

RISK MANAGEMENT

101 S. West Street 727-3480

SCHOOLS

SCHOOL BOARD ADMINISTRATION

450 Radio Lane..... 825-3677
Superintendent of Schools..... 825-3677
Food Service Office..... 825-8212
Maintenance Office..... 825-0661
School Bus Garage..... 825-5446
Special Education Office..... 825-3677

Elementary

A.G. Richardson Elementary..... 825-0616
Emerald Hill Elementary..... 937-7361
Farmington Elementary..... 825-0713
Pearl Sample Elementary..... 825-5448
Sycamore Park Elementary..... 825-8847

Middle Schools

Culpeper Middle School..... 825-4140
Floyd T. Binns Middle School..... 829-6894

High Schools

Culpeper High School..... 825-8310
ROTC Office..... 825-8310

Technical Schools

George Washington Carver-Piedmont..... 825-0476

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Administration..... 727-7520
Criminal Investigation..... 727-7523
Dare..... 727-7524
Dispatch (Communications) Center..... 727-7900

EMERGENCY..... 911

Jail..... 727-3434
Magistrate..... 727-3433
Records Center..... 727-3400

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION

..... 825-8591

TREASURER

135 W. Cameron Street..... 727-3442
County Decals..... 727-3442
Dog Tags..... 727-3442
Property Taxes..... 727-3442
Utility Payments..... 727-3442

VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

101 S. West Street..... 727-3435
4-H..... 727-3435

VOTER REGISTRATION

Registrar..... 825-0652

YOUTH NETWORK

..... 727-3414



Culpeper County Library

**The Culpeper County Library offers several Storytimes.
All children's programs are Free!**

Walk-in Storytimes are in full swing and we hope you will join us!

- Bedtime Storytime is Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Come in your PJs and bring your favorite stuffed animal and get cozy for a good story!
- Walk In Storytime is Friday at 10:30. Join us for fun stories, songs and rhymes. Sessions are free, and no registration is required. For more information, or for a listing of themes, please check our website www.cclva.org or call 825-8691.

Tuesday Morning Toddler and Preschool Storytime

Parents be sure to sign your toddler or preschool children up for our Tuesday Morning Storytime!

Registration will start March 25. The 8-week session will begin on April 1. Toddler Storytime is for children ages 2 and 3. Classes are at 10:30, 11:00 and 11:30. Preschool Storytime is for children ages 3-5. Classes are at 10:30 and 11:30. For more information please call 825-8691.

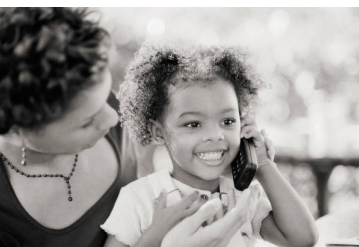
Itsy Bitsy Baby Storytime

The second Monday of each month we are offering an Itsy Bitsy Baby Storytime for babies ages 0-2. This is a great time to interact with your baby, sing songs, share rhymes, wiggle little fingers and toes, and listen to a story. Upcoming meetings will be on Mondays, March 10, April 14 and May 12 at 10:30 a.m. Please be sure to register at the Children's Reference Desk! For more info call 825-8691.



Library's Gone to the Dogs!

The Welcome Wagger therapy dogs are coming back for another fun-filled Saturday morning of reading at the Library! Children who are able to read are invited to come and choose a book to read to a dog. The next sessions will be held on March 8, April 12 and May 10 from 10:30 to 11:30. Sessions are free, but a signed permission slip is required before children may participate in the program.



**Don't forget Dial-a-Story at 825-0555. It's free.
The stories change each week, so be sure to call often.**

Check out the latest addition for kids on our website...



TumbleBookLibrary is an online collection of animated, talking picture books which teach kids the joy of reading in a format they'll love. TumbleBooks are created by adding animation, sound, music and narration to existing picture books in order to produce an electronic picture

book which you can read, or have read to you. The stories are in English. There is, however, a special section, Language Learners, which offers books in Spanish, French, Italian and Chinese as well! There are also some fun games that help children learn opposites, put puzzles together...and more! Kids will love it...and it will have them reading more and more! Be sure to check it out on our website: www.cclva.org under the "Fun for Kids" section!





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The 10th Annual “For A Child’s Health”

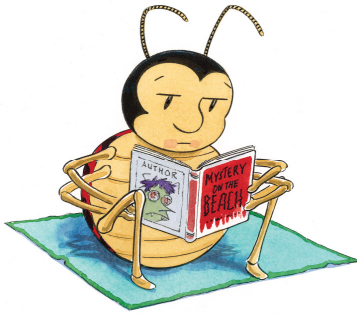
will be held inside and outside the Library on Saturday, **April 26** from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. For the kids there are free healthy snacks, give-aways, moon bounce, ambulances, fire trucks, the Crime Scene Dogs, face painting and a special landing of the Air Care medi-vac helicopter. For the parents many family-focused agencies will be present to display their resources and answer questions about daycare, dental care, health care and more.



ANIME CLUB @ the LIBRARY

Do you like talking with others about anime? Want to find out about the latest in print? What about watching new movie releases? If this sounds like fun to you...then this is definitely a club you should check out. We will be meeting once a month.
Upcoming meetings will be Wednesdays, March 26, April 30 and May 28 from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

Catch the Reading Bug at the Library!



Be sure to swarm over to the Library this summer and participate in our Summer Reading Program, Catch the Reading Bug! Fun will abound with great performers, story times, craft projects, and more!
The program will begin Monday, June 23 and finish up Saturday, August 2. Keep a watch for more details on our website as the time draws closer!

Daughters of the Appalachians



Linda Goodman at the Library with an original program based on her book.

Saturday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m.
The Friends of Culpeper County Library present author, playwright and storyteller Linda Goodman in her show *Daughters of the Appalachians*. In this original program, which is based on her book of the same name, Linda portrays six different Appalachian women, each of whom offers a rare glimpse of a culture that is fast-fading away. Meet *Harlene*, whose dog is both her anchor and her best friend; *Boojie*, whose star-crossed lover changed her life; *Nellveda Hawkins*, who may or may not be the devil incarnate; *Sara Jane*, a woman who understands true beauty; *Jessie*, who

should have been more careful with her wishes; and *Martha Potter*, an elder who understands simple truths. As you share their joys and sorrows, these women will touch your soul and live in your heart.
The *Albuquerque Journal* has called Linda Goodman, an Appalachian Mountain native of Melungeon descent, “one of the great living masters of the storytelling art”. She has appeared nationwide and has been published in the *Chicken Soup* and *Stories for the Heart* series. Her book, *Daughters of the Appalachians*, is available through Overmountain Press and has been adapted into a critically-acclaimed play. Linda is a certified lay speaker in the United Methodist Church and has taught workshops throughout the country on Storytelling in the Ministry .

Accompanying Linda on a variety of musical instruments and drawing from traditional Appalachian tunes is Kris Hillenburg. Kris was born and raised in the rolling hills of Southern Indiana (a.k.a. Kentuckiana). An accomplished artist, songwriter, musician and storyteller, Kris has performed throughout Eastern and Central Massachusetts. She currently lives in Little River, South Carolina.
Free tickets for this event are available at the Circulation Desk.



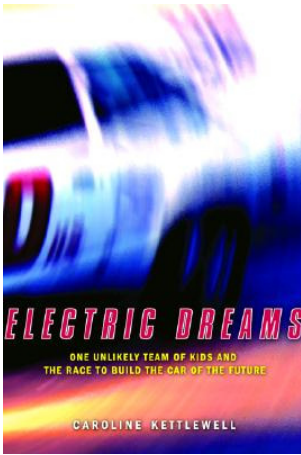
Kris Hillenburg

DON’T MISS THIS AUTHOR and BRUNCH!



Caroline Kettlewell

Put this date on your calendar: May 18, 2008
- Author **CAROLINE KETTLEWELL** will be speaking at the Library about her book, *ELECTRIC DREAMS*. This nonfiction book describes the challenges faced by high school students competing in a contest to build an electric car. Students from VA, NC and other nearby states met in Richmond to determine the winner. A fascinating true story!
Brunch will be served at 12 noon, followed by Ms. Kettlewell’s presentation at 1 pm. Tickets (\$8) for brunch and the presentation will go on sale April 21, at the Circulation Desk, Culpeper Library.
A limited number of tickets will be available.





Culpeper County Library (*continued*)



Introduction to the Local History Room

Tuesday, May 13, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
In the Local History Room

Library Associate Julie Bushong will provide a tour of the Library’s Local History Room and present an overview of materials pertaining to Culpeper history. Sources of genealogical interest will also be covered. Limited registration begins April 14.



Are you researching family history? Tracking down your lineage? Maybe you’re just curious about those commercials you’ve heard on the radio. The Library now subscribes to **Ancestry.com**, a powerful tool for genealogy research. You may use **Ancestry.com** from any of our catalog computers while you are inside the library. Remote access from home is not available, since **Ancestry.com** allows individuals to subscribe if they wish.

Ancestry.com offers records from the 1790-1930 census, including the records for individual cities, slave records taken during the census, and the tax census list.

HeritageQuest Online: *The Library has available a “unique, growing collection of research materials for tracing family history and American culture.” Amateur or professional genealogists may now use this “powerful online library, with original page images for all documents,” either at home or at the Library. Simply go to our homepage and link up!*

Friends of the Library



Earn Money for the Library

You can earn money for the Culpeper Library each time you do a search on the Internet. Go to www.goodsearch.com.



Select “Friends of the Culpeper Library” as your charity. Each time you initiate a search the Library will be given one cent (\$.01). This does not sound like much ,but if each patron did a search a day for a month it could add up quickly. The money is donated by the site’s advertisers. You can set GoodSearch for your homepage or add it to your toolbar. The site is powered by Yahoo! so the searches are reliable.

Shopping at GoodShop, an online shopping mall, is another way to support the Library, but shopping isn’t free! Searching through GoodSearch is a free and easy way to support the Culpeper County Library.

It is not too late to join the Friends and help support the Library

Membership Year – January thru December

Membership Types:

Individual	\$5.00	Family	\$10.00
Institutional	\$25.00	Benefactor	\$50.00

The Friends of the Culpeper County Library is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the Library. Money raised by the Friends is used to sponsor programs and cultural opportunities that would otherwise go unfunded.

\$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00 is spent annually in support of Library programs including:

- * Summer Reading Program for children and teens
- * Adult Reading Program
- * Speaker programs for the community
- * Storytellers for adults and children
- * *Book Page* – monthly book review offered free of charge to patrons
- * Support of National Library Week
- * Library supplies such as puzzles, bookmarks, stickers, Ellison Machine dies, and giveaways for children

Funds are raised through various activities that also benefit the community:

- * Used Book Store and Used Book Corner operated at the Library
- * Annual Pansy Sale
- * Sale of commemorative leaves on Giving Tree located in Meeting Room
- * Author events

Other activities

- * Sponsorship of Third Thursday book discussion groups
- * Distribution of Lonesome Pine books-by-mail catalogs

The “Friends” are in need of members who are interested in working to support the Library.

If you are interested in being a “Friend” or have questions, please contact Barbara Weber at 540-547-4128.



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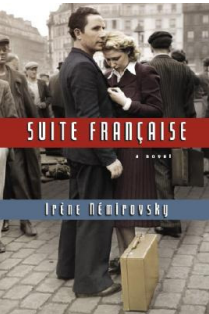
Pansy Sale - Saturday, March 22

Tired of Winter? Get ready for spring with the Friends Annual Pansy Sale, March 24 starting at 9:00 a.m. until the pansies are sold (usually around 11:00) We often have begonias, calendulas, and of course lots of pansies. We'll post prices and plant varieties as the date draws near. So kick those winter time blues and help out the Library at the same time.

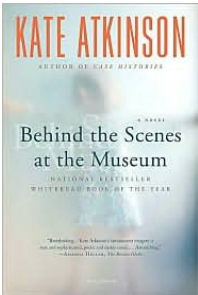


FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

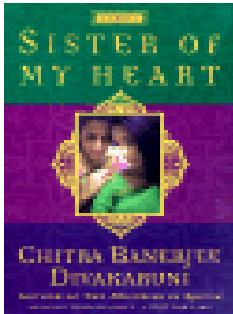
will meet to discuss these books on the following dates at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.



MARCH 20
SUITE FRANCAISE by Irene Nemirovsky - The novel was written during WW II, describing the plight of the men and women in Paris as the Nazi occupation begins. An extraordinary work of fiction.

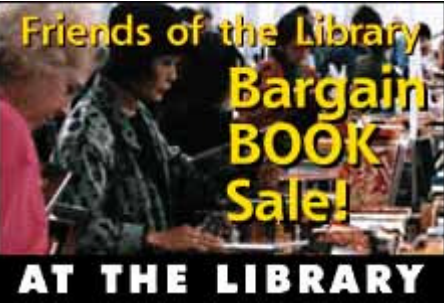


APRIL 17
BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM by Kate Atkinson—A humorous and touching novel in which the main character, Ruby Lennox, examines the lives in her dysfunctional family. The author won the Whitbread Prize in 1995 for her first effort.



MAY 15
SISTER OF MY HEART by Chitra Divakaruni - This novel covers many years between India and America as two cousins, who were born on the same day, love each other as sisters. However, after arranged marriages, each discovers a devastating secret that changes their relationship forever.

TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO READ THESE WONDERFUL BOOKS, AND THEN JOIN IN OUR DISCUSSIONS! These books are available at the Library Circulation Desk or for purchase, at a discount, at The Corner Shelf bookstore. YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!



Come visit the Friends of the Library Book Store!

Location: in the back of the Library, next to the Computer Room.
The Book Store sells newer books, old books, and children's books, in both fiction and non-fiction. The books are donations to the Library or withdrawals from the Library's collection. Most of the hardback books are priced at \$0.50 each, with recent and special books priced higher. Paperback books generally are priced at \$0.25 each, with some exceptions. The Friends Book Store often has special sales, such as the November and December 2007 "buy-one-get-one-free" sale and the February 2008 Valentine sale on paperback romances at just \$0.10 each. Watch for upcoming sales,

and come by to get that great bargain you are looking for.

Visit the bookshelf near the entrance to the Library even when the Book Store is closed. There are specially priced newer books, hardback non-fiction, hardback fiction, paperbacks, and a selection of children's and juvenile books. These may be purchased through the Circulation Desk any time the Library is open. Also available at the Circulation Desk are our large, super-sturdy book bags for only \$8.00 apiece. Fill one up with your great Book Store finds! Be on the lookout for information about upcoming book sales held by the Friends of the Library.

The volunteers of the Friends of the Library Book Store thank you for your support.



National Volunteer Week is April 15 - 22

Did you know: since the Library opened in March 1998 volunteers have generously given us over 36,000 hours, and that almost all of our books and other items (over 436,000 last year) are re-shelved by volunteers. Volunteers are priceless to us. Volunteers free staff up to complete other projects, help in the Computer Room, at the Circulation Desk, with children's Storytimes and of course with the Summer Reading Program. If you have some extra time on your hands, stop in and see us and fill out a volunteer form. Don't know what you want to do? We have suggestions, like the one below.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED..... Would you like to help make a difference at your Library?

The Friends of the Library Bookstore is in need of volunteers to help with sorting donated items and restocking the shelves. Minimal training is required. Hours are flexible. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Clevenger, Bookstore Volunteer Coordinator, at 825-8691.



Culpeper County Library (*continued*)



Track your library books

Let Elf help you manage your library loans and holds Free Email Service Helps You Keep Track of Library Books

Elf is an Internet-based tool that helps you keep track of what items are due, overdue and ready for pickup. You can keep track of one or more library accounts in one place and receive reminders of when holds are ready to be picked up and when items are due. Reminders are sent when you want them -- before items are due (up to seven days advance notice). Keep track of multiple cards for family members by registering all of the different cards under one Elf account and have notices sent to one email account. If this service sounds like something that would help you keep track of your library books, sign up for an account at <http://www.libraryelf.com>. You will need your library barcode number, a PIN number (that you have registered at our Circulation Desk), and an email account.

When "Dewey" Eat?

You still have a chance to win gift certificates to local restaurants in Goodies for Grownups, our adult reading program sponsored by the Friends of Culpeper County Library. This year's theme is "When Dewey Eat?" We're tying our love for the Dewey Decimal Classification system with our lust for good food. Just check out books to read by April 4th, and you will get a chance to win gift certificates to these local restaurants: Country Cookin', Foster's Grille, the Inn at Kelly's Ford, Maria Bonita, Osaka Japanese Steak House, and A Piece of New York. Some prizes will also include a gift certificate to The Corner Shelf Bookstore.



Downloadable Audiobooks available 24/7 from your Library—

Ever wish you could have the library at your fingertips 24/7? On a trip with nothing to read or listen to? The Culpeper County Library is now available to you no matter where you may be, as long as you have access to a computer with an internet connection. Check out our newest service-free of charge to you as always, with your Culpeper County Library Card.

With a valid library card patrons can log onto the Library's website, at cclva.org, install the free software, check out and download popular and classic audio books to their PC, and then transfer to a portable MP3 player, or even burn some titles to CD and listen in the car.

Among the growing collection are romance, mystery, and classic literature audio books. Non-fiction titles include self-improvement, foreign language study, business and careers, and more! The 24/7, free access includes audio books from best-selling authors like Nora Roberts, Nicholas Sparks, and James Patterson, in addition to titles from the classic writers Mark Twain and Charles Dickens.

Patrons can check out up to five titles at a time, and at the end of the 14-day lending period, the audio books will expire from their PC and be automatically returned. With the digital titles, there are no late fees or damage costs. The service is free, easy-to-use, and best of all, available anytime from anywhere in the world.



National Library Week is April 15 - 22.



Windmore Foundation for the Arts

PO Box 38
Culpeper, VA 22701 540-547-4333
info@windmorefoundation.org
www.windmorefoundation.org

What is Windmore?

Windmore Foundation for the Arts, Inc. was founded in 1987 under the working title of Culpeper Center for the Visual and Performing Arts. It was established to promote community involvement, education and an artist-friendly environment within the Piedmont area of Virginia. Since its inception, the Foundation has been a patron of theater, art education, dance, literature, music and visual arts. The name was changed to Windmore Foundation for the Arts, Inc. in 1989 when the Yates family donated to the organization the property at Griffinsburg, formerly the site of the Windmore Dairy Farm. Windmore's office is currently located off Route 522, six miles north of Culpeper in Griffinsburg.

It remains **Windmore's mission** to be a well-established, financially sound, creative foundation for the arts. More specifically, Windmore aims to provide the community, and especially young people, opportunities to explore and experience the arts, and discover and develop their talents.

On March 8, 2008, we will hold the Dorothy Skelton Scholarship Art Reception. Over 50 local artists have donated artwork for this event to provide scholarships to students to study in an area of the arts. For more information call 540-547-4333.

Windmore offers these programs to children:
Art in the Park— June 16—20 and June 23—27
Children's Summer Theater July 2—31st

Join Windmore and join any of these Windmore groups:

The Artists of Windmore Daytime or Evening Group,
Pen to Paper Writer's Group,
Windmore Community Theater Committee
Windmore Community Theater

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PLANNING DISTRICT #9
CULPEPER, MADISON, ORANGE & RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTIES**

Many adults who did not complete a high school program of instruction have continued to learn through a variety of experience encountered in everyday life. The purpose of the GED Testing Program is to provide an opportunity for these individuals to have the learning acquired from such educational experiences evaluated and recognized. The GED Tests make it possible for qualified individuals to earn a high school credential, thus providing opportunities for hundreds of thousands of adults to:

- Pursue higher education
- Obtain jobs or job promotions
- Achieve personal goals

WHAT ARE THE GED TESTS?

The Tests of General Education Development (GED Tests) are internationally recognized. They have been designed to measure major academic skills and knowledge in core content areas that are learned during four years of high school. When an adult passes the 7½ hour GED Tests battery, the resulting GED credential certifies that he or she has attained subject matter knowledge and skills associated with high school completion. The GED Tests battery includes the following subject area tests:

- Language Arts, Writing
- Social Studies
- Science
- Language Arts, Reading
- Mathematics

The GED Tests are offered in English and Spanish editions.

**George Washington Carver
Education and Training Center
GED Testing Schedule
Denise S. Vogt, Chief Examiner**

GED Schedule for 2008

March 14 & 15, 2008

April 11 & 12, 2008

May 9 & 10, 2008

June 20 & 21, 2008

**You need to register 10 days before the test date.
Reasonable accommodations are available, upon
request, for individuals who qualify.**

The George Washington Carver Education and Training Center is open to take your GED application Monday – Thursday 8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. and Friday 8:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Additionally, we are open late on Monday and Thursday evenings until 8:00 P.M.

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Regional Adult Education

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Register for Adult Classes in your area for GED Preparation or ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages). Work on your reading, writing and math skills for GED and speaking skills for ESOL. Call for information.

Carver Center GED – 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM/Tues. & Thurs.
Carver-Piedmont School, Rapidan, VA.

Culpeper GED – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM/Tues. & Thurs./
Culpeper Career Resource Center, Culpeper, VA

Culpeper/Rappahannock ESOL – English As A Second Language
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM/Tues. & Thurs./Health & Human Resources
Culpeper, VA & Culpeper Depot, Culpeper, VA

Morning ESOL – 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM/Mon. & Wed.
Virginia Community Bank, Culpeper, VA

EL/Civics – 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM/Mon. & Wed.
Culpeper County High School, Culpeper, VA

Fast Track Class – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM/Mon. & Thurs.
Carver-Piedmont School, Rapidan, VA

Literacy Council of Madison GED – 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon/Mon. & Wed.
Madison Literacy Council, Madison, VA

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Madison Literacy Council, Madison, VA

Madison GED—6:30 PM-8:30 PM/Tues. & Thurs.
Madison Literacy Council, Madison, VA

Gordonsville GED – 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM/Mon. & Wed.
Gordon-Barbour Elem. Library, Gordonsville, VA

Head Start ESOL—5:30 PM—7:30 PM/Mon. & Wed.
Prospect Heights Annex, Orange, VA

Orange GED – 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM/Tues. & Thurs.
Orange County High School, Orange, VA

Rappahannock GED – 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM/Mon. & Thurs.
Rappahannock High School, Washington, VA



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Spring 2008 CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHEDULE

CLASS	DAY/SITE	BEG.-END	SESSIONS	TIME	FEE
Beginning Astronomy	TBA/C	TBA	1	8:00 P.M.	FREE
Computers for Seniors	T/C	4/15-5/13	5	6:00-8:00 PM	\$80.00
Internet I	M/C	4/14-5/12	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
Internet II	M/C	4/14-5/12	5	7:00-9:00 PM	\$80.00
Introduction to Computers	W/C	4/16-5/14	5	6:00-8:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Excel I	W/C	4/16-5/14	5	7:00-9:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Excel II	W/C	4/16-5/14	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Word I	T/C	4/15-5/13	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Word II	T/C	4/15-5/13	5	7:00-9:00 PM	\$80.00

All Classes at GWC-PTEC

TUITION REQUIRED IN ADVANCE

Detach and return with payment by April 3, 2008. Make check or money order payable to: **Orange County School Board**

Name: _____

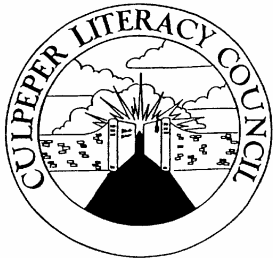
Address: _____
Street Name City/State Zip Code

Daytime Phone () _____ Evening Phone () _____

Office of Continuing Education, George Washington Carver – Piedmont Technical Education Center, 9432 James Madison Hwy., Rapidan, VA 22733.

Please enroll me in the following classes:

Class Name	Day (Circle One)	Time	Cost	Method of Payment:
	Mon./Tues./Wed./Thurs.			M.O. _____
	Mon./Tues./Wed./Thurs.			Check _____
	Mon./Tues./Wed./Thurs.			Cash _____



CULPEPER LITERACY COUNCIL

*Please join us.... for our 2nd Annual
Community Spelling "BEE" for Literacy
27 March, 2008 from 7:00pm-9:00pm at
Daniel Center for Technology
18121 Technology Drive, Culpeper, Virginia 22701*

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Please send _____ tickets @ \$10.00 per ticket , totaling _____
for the 2nd Annual Community Spelling "BEE" for Literacy on 27 March 2008.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Ph: _____

For tickets or donations, please make checks payable to:
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415 S. Main Street, Suite 204, Culpeper, Virginia 22701



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(540) 829-2124

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Director Dorenda Pullen

Dates to Remember:

**ALL DAY CARE AT
SYCAMORE PARK
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL:**

6:30a.m.-6:30p.m.
March 21 and 24-28
April 4

CLOSED May 26

**KID CENTRAL 2008
June 16th - Summer
Day Camp Begins**

Kid Central makes every attempt to open during inclement weather.

**If School Is Closed:* Childcare is at Sycamore Park School beginning at 8:00a.m.

**If School Has A Delayed Opening or Closes Early:* Students remain at their school.

**Please Call 829-2124 for weather related questions & tune to C103 radio & most T.V. Stations.*

Please Pack a Lunch on Sycamore Park Days

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By Susan Hensley

Visit Us At www.kidcentralculpeperva.com

"Surf's Up" Summer Day Camp!

Kid Central, serving children ages K-12 years, is looking forward to the warmer temperatures of Spring which leads to Summer Day Camp Fun!

After School Program sites are practicing for the games of challenge that will be held during Summer Day Camp. The children will be ready to meet the "Islander" challenge games of competition offered to each tribe. These games will be fun, challenging and require teamwork. Games include: Water Sports, Obstacle Courses, Scavenger Hunts and more. Tribes will be divided by age.

Camp Days will also include: Swimming, Skating, Sports, Crafts, Music, Talent Shows, Group Games inside and outside, Cooking Projects and more.

Camp Trips will include: Splash Down Water Park, Chuck-E Cheese, Funland, Bowling, Movies, Riverside Center, Brandy Station Carnival, Skyline Drive and the 4-H Educational Center.

Registration will begin April 15th. Forms may be obtained from any of our after-school sites (all elementary schools), Kid Central's Home Page:



K.C. Kids are Surfing-Up for Summer Day Camp

Kidcentralculpeperva.com, the Main Office 1401 Old Fredericksburg Road or by calling 829-2124.

Enrollment based on First-Paid, First-Enrolled, while space is available, per two-week session.

Join the Fun!!

Second Annual Pre-School Summer Day Camp

Culpeper County Pre-School Summer Day Camp begins June 16th through August 22nd.

C.C.P. serves ages two to four years, Monday-Friday with wrap-around childcare 6:30a.m.-6:30p.m. The theme

this summer is to be announced. Activities include: Morning Circle Time, Outside Play & P.E. Games, Crafts, Art, Story Time, Music, Centers, Nutrition through Cooking and more.

Trips related to the theme will be announced, as well.

A.M. Snack, Lunch and Evening Snack included, as well as trips.

Watch for enrollment date. Enrollment based on First-Paid, First-Enrolled while space is available per session. **Lots of Fun for Everyone!**

Culpeper County Public Schools

Cathy Timmons named principal of Yowell Elementary School

Catherine Timmons, assistant principal of Pearl Sample Elementary School, has been named the planning principal for Yowell Elementary School, effective Jan. 23.

Mrs. Timmons will serve as the elementary school's first principal. The 650-student school, currently under construction on Yowell Drive, has a target opening of August 2008.

Mrs. Timmons, 48, has worked as an assistant principal at PSES for five years. Prior to that, she taught elementary school for 20 years and private school for one year.

"Cathy's administrative experience, her knowledge of elementary school curriculum and instruction, and her background as a veteran teacher have prepared her well for this new role," said David Cox, school superintendent. "She is an outstanding choice to hit the ground running and lead our county's sixth elementary school to excellence."

Mrs. Timmons said she's ready to meet head-on the challenges presented by opening a new school. Her goal is to create a school culture in which children and their parents feel welcome and comfortable.

"I would like Yowell to be a warm and safe place where kids want to come to school," she said. "It should be a school where teachers are leaders and also effective learners. I'll be learning too -- keeping up with the data and working with teachers in their approaches to instruction in the classrooms."

Mrs. Timmons resides in Orange County. She holds a Master's of Education from George Mason University, a Master's of Science Education from Shenandoah University and a bachelor's degree from Greensboro College.

When she isn't working, Mrs. Timmons enjoys spending time with her husband, Stacey, who is assistant principal of Emerald Hill Elementary School, and her children Sarah, 20, and Mary, 16. She also spends time reading and working on her yard.

Mrs. Timmons was selected from a field of 10 applicants. Her annual salary will be \$74,000.



Cindy McHaney named State's Top School Psychologist

Cindy McHaney was named Virginia School Psychologist of the Year for 2007-08 by the Virginia Academy of School Psychologists.

Mrs. McHaney began working for Culpeper County Public Schools as a psychologist in

1991. She currently serves at Culpeper Middle School, Farmington Elementary School and supports the Department of Special Education.

"Cindy truly exemplifies the role of a school psychologist," said CCPS Superintendent David Cox. "We are extremely proud that she has been honored by the VASP."

"Cindy's work demonstrates that school psychologists can be instruction-oriented, supportive and student-centered," Dr. Cox added. He noted that in the past, school psychologists have often been employed to interpret testing data and have played a limited role in instruction.

She began her career as residential counselor at Oakland School in Boyd Tavern, VA and later worked as an intern with Rappahannock County Public Schools in 1990 while completing her master's degree from James Madison University. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University.

When she isn't working, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Kevin, her son, Christopher, and her daughter, Kara Morgan. She also enjoys photography.

You can learn more about the Virginia Academy of School Psychologists at <http://www.vaspweb.org/>



CCHS Places Second in District Academic Tourney

Culpeper County High School's Academic Team made school history with a second place finish at the District Academic Tournament held Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008.

The breakdown of Culpeper's final scores are as follows:

Match one against Osbourn: CCHS 170, OHS 135

Match two against top-seeded Liberty High School: CCHS 195, Lib 115

Match three against second-seeded Osbourn Park: CCHS 130, OPHS 185

Match four against Osbourn Park: CCHS 175, OPHS 200

Congratulations to the members of the Academic Team! We are proud of your accomplishments.

Three Teachers Achieve National Board Certification

Three Culpeper teachers who began the rigorous one to three year National Board Certification process have achieved that goal in the 2007 school year: **Alicia Marsh**, a fifth grade teacher at Pearl Sample Elementary School, **Melanie Mervis**, English teacher at Culpeper County High School, and **Catherine Van Pelt**, a first grade teacher at Pearl Sample Elementary School.

Certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) is a voluntary assessment program designed to recognize and reward great teachers -- and make them better. Nationally certified teachers meet and exceed the basic requirements for state certification and successfully demonstrate advanced teaching knowledge, skills and practices.

"By their performance, our National Board Certified teachers, and those still in the process, honor all of our teachers." Alicia Marsh, Melanie Mervis, and Catherine Van Pelt "exemplify what is best in their field," Dr. Conti added. The true beneficiaries of their efforts are the children and families of Culpeper.

Fewer than 2 percent of the nation's teachers have achieved this mark of distinction and excellence, according to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). The organization has been actively assessing and certifying teachers -- as well as impacting teacher performance and student achievement -- since 1987.

For more information about the NBPTS and National Board Certification, please visit www.nbpts.org.



Providing Community Service: An Important Part of the Options Program

Contributed by Susan Kroh — Community Service Officer for Options

The Options program of Culpeper County is dedicated to improving the lives of youth who are at risk of developing or continuing socially unacceptable behaviors. Some of the offerings provided by Options include group programs aimed toward providing (juveniles with) the tools for making better choices

regarding substance abuse and anger management. The Healthy Choices group, parenting classes and other groups also promise to provide a venue for improving the lives of members of our community. The mission of Options is to provide services for at risk youth, in collaboration with other agencies, that help encourage them to become responsible, respectful, and productive members of the community, while at the same time supervising sanctions (imposed by the Court, Juvenile Probation Officers, or the School System) that hold youth accountable for their behavior.

The community service portion of the program offered by Options allows juvenile offenders the opportunity to make amends for their offenses by giving back to their community. Community Service refers to giving time and effort in order to assist a non-profit or county agency without payment or other material compensation. Referrals to the program come from the juvenile probation department, the schools and by self referral. This option gives these youth the chance to see that giving back to the community can be a more rewarding and positive way to live.

Participants work directly with Community Service Officers of Options or at supervised sites that have been identified and approved by the Options staff. Sites and participants are matched in a mutually beneficial working relationship. The supervisors of these sites generously give of their time and knowledge to provide a meaningful work experience for the juveniles. Community service workers have had the opportunity to work under the supervision of staff at Culpeper County Parks and Recreation, Culpeper Library, the Museum of Culpeper, Risk Management, Full Circle Thrift Shop, Culpeper Renaissance, the Culpeper Landfill, Culpeper Regional Airport, Pearl Sample Elementary and Culpeper High Schools, as well as several local churches.

Participants in the community service work program can be seen working with the Options staff performing tasks such as landscaping at administration buildings, the Vietnam Memorial, Piedmont United Way, SAFE, AG Richardson Elementary School, Culpeper High and Middle Schools. Other service has included painting at the Museum of Culpeper, Windmore Foundation and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church new youth rooms. Litter control on the roadways adopted by Options is also an important part of our work to keep the community looking its best and give a sense of pride to its residents. Opportunities have also come to the Options staff and workers to assist Piedmont United Way, the Commodity Food Distribution, Christmas Food Basket, the new offices of SAFE and the Chamber of Commerce in various tasks. Participants also worked recently cleaning graffiti from the headstones in the Masonic Cemetery. Many of these opportunities have expanded the vision that the youth have of our community and given them a sense of pride at having accomplished something that helps others.

The Options program is privileged and appreciative of being invited by these agencies to provide the manpower to assist them in doing work that either directly benefits the community, or provides the help to free up other staff in the agency so they can provide more of their time to giving direct client care. While the work may not always appear glamorous, it is beneficial to those receiving the service, and in the majority of the cases it provides a beneficial outcome to the community service workers.

The juveniles receive the opportunity through their work to see how our community functions and how important it is to become a productive and giving member of the community. They learn about making more socially responsible choices in their own lives. Learning to give to others has its rewards as is documented time and time again in essays written by Options program participants. These essays provide an opportunity for the participant to think about the reason they were mandated to enter the program, and also think about what they have learned by doing community service work through Options. Some of the essays demonstrate a profound and heart-warming change in thinking.

Lessons Learned– in their own words - The following are excerpts from only a dozen of the essays that have been received:

- “Through the Options program I also learned that everybody in their life makes mistakes, but the key to being a great person and adult is to learn from them, realize that you’ve done wrong and make it your goal never to make that mistake again. These hours of community service have had a huge impact on me. Thanks to the Options program I have learned a life long lesson that will go with me through the rest of my life.”
- “The adults that guided me through my time of community service greatly impacted me and encouraged me to become a better person. Community service as I found out is not really boring or a waste of time. It actually prepared me for the work force that is ahead of me. ... I have a lot of people to thank.”
- “The purpose of community service is to help the community. I think that is a better lesson for kids my age to have the chance to help others and make the community a better place to live. Some of the things I’ve learned was if I can take responsibility and get up everyday to do community service, maybe I can hold down a job. I learned that in order for people to see me as reliable and to trust me, then I have to do exactly what I say I am going to do. I learned the importance of teamwork. I learned how responsible I can really be.”
- “I learned that helping people is actually a good thing. By helping people out it made me not only become a better person but also feel like a better person.”
- “Community service was a positive experience for me. Community service made me realize that volunteering can be fun. Seeing what you can do and accomplish while helping others is a great experience. I no longer look at it as a punishment but a way to give back and help those who need it.”
- “I want to first and foremost thank you for the opportunity to be in this program to help me with my bad decisions. This experience has taught me to be a better person and to help me think about my decisions. Basically to think before I act.”
- “I have learned that from now on I should think about what I am doing and think of the effects it could have on me and others. I learned that I need to make better choices and make sure they are good choices. Having community service has taught me to try and help others. I appreciate the opportunity I was given.”
- “Through community service I have definitely learned there are many people who care about me. I would really like to thank you for helping me through this tough time in my life.”
- “While doing my hours of community service I learned that I have to take responsibility for my actions. I feel that me doing these services is my way of paying back to the community. During these hours I have had a lot of time to think about what I have done in the past and how I can change my future. I am paying my debt back to society. I would like to take this time now to apologize to my family, friends, the community and anyone else I may have hurt because of my actions. Thank you Options for allowing me to use the program to do my community service.”
- “I have learned you have to obey the rules. I have learned I am not the only person who gets in trouble. I have also learned that there are people who care about me and want to see me do my best.”
- “I am so grateful that the Options program gave me a second chance. When I was doing my community service I met some amazing people and they made me realize the important things in life. This was a mistake that I have learned from and will not make again. Lately I have been focusing all my attention on getting in to a certain college and to pursue my career. I’m going to work hard to provide for my family.”
- “When I first knew that I was going to attend community service I thought that I would hate it. But after I went through with it, it wasn’t that bad at all. Knowing that what you’re doing for the community puts a smile on people faces just makes me feel good.”

The feelings expressed by these juvenile participants in the Options Community Service program suggest that doing community service can impact many lives in a positive and enriching way. The trained staff of the Options program provides that opportunity. Options is grateful to the many agencies that provide the referrals to the program, the work opportunities and the supervised work sites. Together the community can indeed work to make Culpeper an even better place to live.

You can reach the staff of Options by calling 540-829-2129 or 540-829-2133.